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*Rick Carlisle, Acting Secretary*

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### **Boggs to Serve as Acting Public Affairs Director**

**Raleigh** – State Commerce Secretary Rick Carlisle announced today that Tad Boggs has been appointed to serve as Commerce's Acting Public Affairs Director. Boggs will begin in the new post on Monday, January 29.

Since 1999, Boggs has served as the press secretary to former Gov. Jim Hunt. Prior to that, Boggs worked in Washington State as a public affairs consultant and served as the press secretary for the House Democratic Caucus in the Washington legislature.

Earlier experience includes work in Washington, DC, as a Capitol Hill press secretary as well as reporting for the Morganton News Herald.

Boggs takes over for outgoing public affairs director Linda Weiner, who recently announced her departure to become Chief Operating Officer for DFI Group in Raleigh.

Originally from Asheville, Boggs received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and currently lives in Raleigh with his wife, Meg Ryan O'Donnell, a public relations consultant.

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